इस मंत्रालय के ध्यान में लाया जाता है तो यह मंत्रालय दोषी राज्य को दोषनिवारक कार्रवाई करने के लिए तत्काल लिखता है ।

Scarcity of Potable water in Rajasthan

3457. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the "Indian Express' ,dated the 9th May, 1995 under the caption "Where people work as bonded labour for water";

(b) if so, whether water scarcity is the major problem of all the remote villages of Western Rajasthan, including Jodhpur, Barmer and Jaisalmer;

(c) if so, whether Government ever contemplated and/or implemented plans to alleviate the sufferings and miseries of the people of the said areas on account of non-availability of potable water; and

(d) if so, the broad details thereof and if not, the reasons for this collousness on the part of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) No such report has been received from the Govt. of Rajasthan. However, during extreme hot climate particularly in summer the conditions in Western Rajasthan including Jodhpur, Barmer and Jaisalmer, drinking water problems are faced in the remote vilalges.

(c) and (d) There are 37889 villages in the State as per 1991 census. Prior to the 1994 survey, all except 13 remote villages were reported to have been provided safe drinking water facilities partially or fully. The actual achievement in 1994-95 was 3054 habitations against the target of 2400. out of the total rural population of 339.39 lakh, 204.12 lakh was reported as covered upto 31.3.95. This includes 55.23 lakh SCs and 31.77 lakh of ST's.

During the last 13 Years from VI Plan to 1994-95 the total amount spent in Rural Water Supply Sector under State MNP is Rs. 517.92 crores. In addition Rs. 569.21 crore was provided by the Central Govt. as assistance under ARWSP.

In 1991-92, special assistance of Rs. 25.15 crore was given to the State Govt. for accelerating the coverage of problem villages and Rs. 6 crores for drinking water supply to SC population in Dhanis. As such adequate Central assisance is being provided to the State Govt. of Rajasthan for tackling the problem of drinking water supply in the State. In the DDP area schemes are approved at 70 litres per capita per day (lpcd), including 30 lpcd to meet the drinking water requirement of cattle.

NBCCL signed MOU with Germany Organisations

3458. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Building Construction Corporation Limited had signed a Memorandum of Understanding with some German organisations in recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof with background;

(c) whether the MOU will help the progress of country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K THUNGON): (a) Yes Sir.